

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) A fixing device adapted to be fixed to a surface, comprising:

~~a plate with~~ two fixing lugs for fixing the fixing device to the surface; and

a support having at least three walls defining an interior space, each of said at least three walls being integral with and substantially perpendicular to said two fixing lugs plate,

a first wall of an opposing pair of said at least three walls having plural first claws that are bent into the interior space along a first fold line and a second wall of said opposing pair having plural second claws that are bent out of the interior space along a second fold line parallel to the first fold line, at least one of said first and second walls having a locking lug that is bent along a third fold line that is perpendicular to the first fold line.

17. (currently amended) The fixing device of claim 16, wherein the interior space has a longitudinal axis perpendicular

to said two fixing lugs ~~plate~~, and wherein the third fold line is parallel to the longitudinal axis.

18. (previously presented) The fixing device of claim 16, wherein said support has four of said at least three walls and wherein said support has one corner at which an adjacent pair of said four walls are separated by a gap.

19. (previously presented) The fixing device of claim 18, further comprising a perforated section that is generally U-shaped, said section having a base that is in said gap and abutting one of said four walls other than said opposing pair of walls, said section having a first arm that is inside the interior space and that has first perforations in which said first claws are received and a second arm that is outside the interior space and that has second perforations in which said second claws are received, said locking lug being received in one of said first and second perforations.

20. (previously presented) The fixing device of claim 18, where said support has three corners at which adjacent ones of said four walls are directly attached to each other.

21. (previously presented) The fixing device of claim 18, wherein said gap extends along an entire length of said support and wherein said adjacent ones of said four walls that are directly attached to each other at said three corners are directly attached to each other along the entire length of said support.

22. (previously presented) The fixing device of claim 16, further comprising a perforated section having a first arm that is inside the interior space and that has first perforations in which said first claws are received and a second arm that is outside the interior space and that has second perforations in which said second claws are received, said locking lug being received in one of said first and second perforations.

23. (previously presented) The fixing device of claim 16, wherein each of said first and second claws is also bent along a fourth fold line parallel to and spaced from respective ones of said first and second fold lines, so that a distal end portion of each of said first and second claws is parallel to a respective one of said first and second walls.